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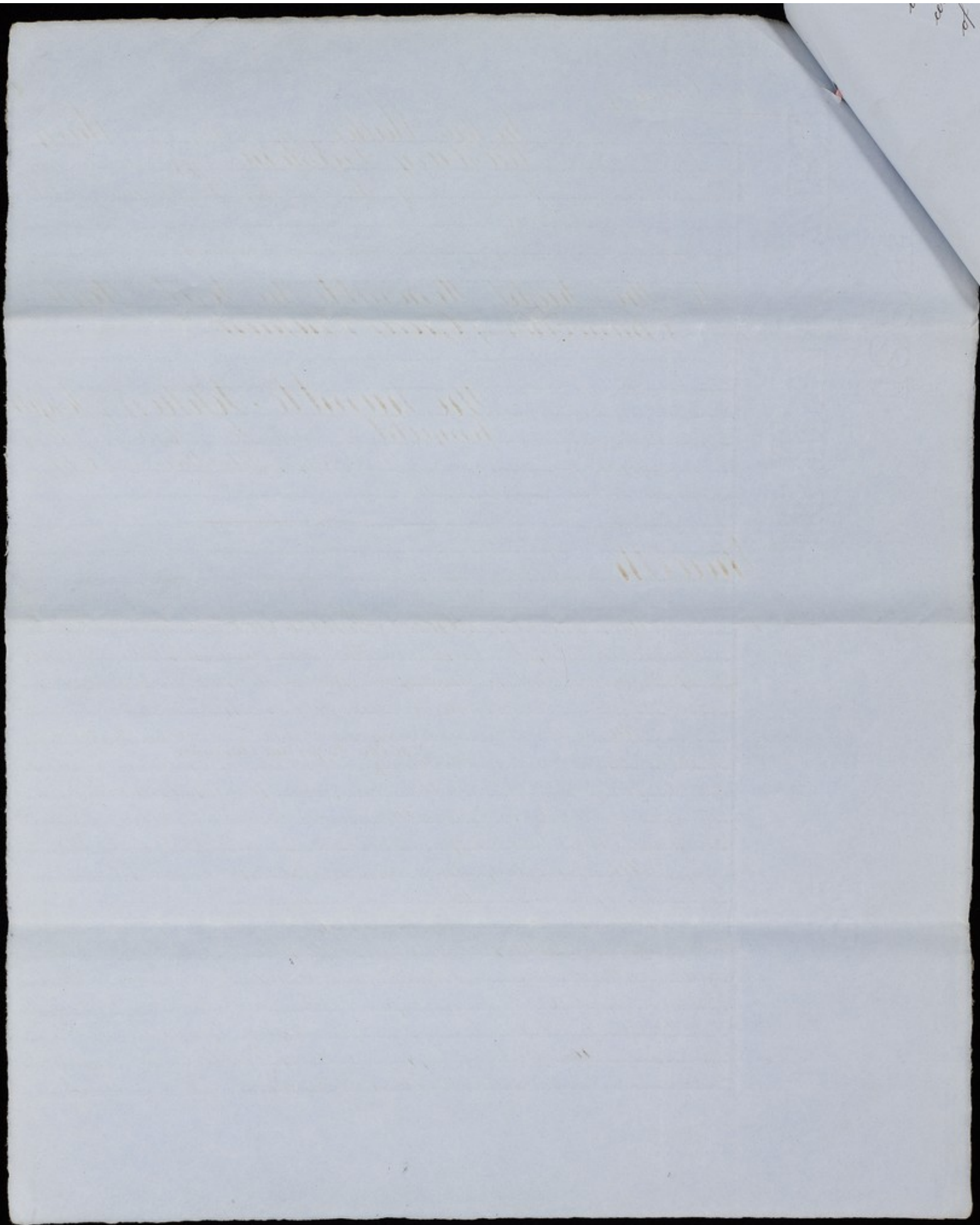
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary
Dewsbury Freestone a supposed Insane
person and of the Lunacy Regulation Act
1862.

To The Right Honorable the Lord High
Chancellor of Great Britain.

The humble Petition of Joseph
Armfield of South Place Hotel Finsbury
Square in the County of Middlesex Hotel
Proprietor

Sheweth

1. Mary Dewsbury Freestone now residing at the Friends Retreat in the Parish of Gate Fulford in the East Riding of the County of York is now and for three years past and upwards has been of unsound mind and incapable of managing her affairs.
2. The said Mary Dewsbury Freestone was removed to the said Asylum by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends of which she is a Member from Yorkley's Buildings Stoke Newington in the County of Middlesex which are Alms Houses belonging to the said Society.
3. The said Mary Dewsbury Freestone is possessed of the following amounts of Government Stock now standing in her name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England that is to say £600. 7. 5 Reduced £3 per cent Annuities together with the dividends which have accrued thereon from October 1881 and £250 New £3 per cent Annuities together with the dividends which have accrued thereon from October 1881 - The said Mary Dewsbury Freestone also appears to have or to have had the following property that



is to say £200 Allegheny Valley Railway Bonds and a certain sum of money supposed to be £310 in the hands of her Brother in law James David Holdom of Alford Park in the County of Essex Commercial Traveller and a small sum of money deposited in the London Provident Institution Bloomfield Street Finsbury the amount of which is unknown to the Petitioner and a small quantity of Furniture &c.

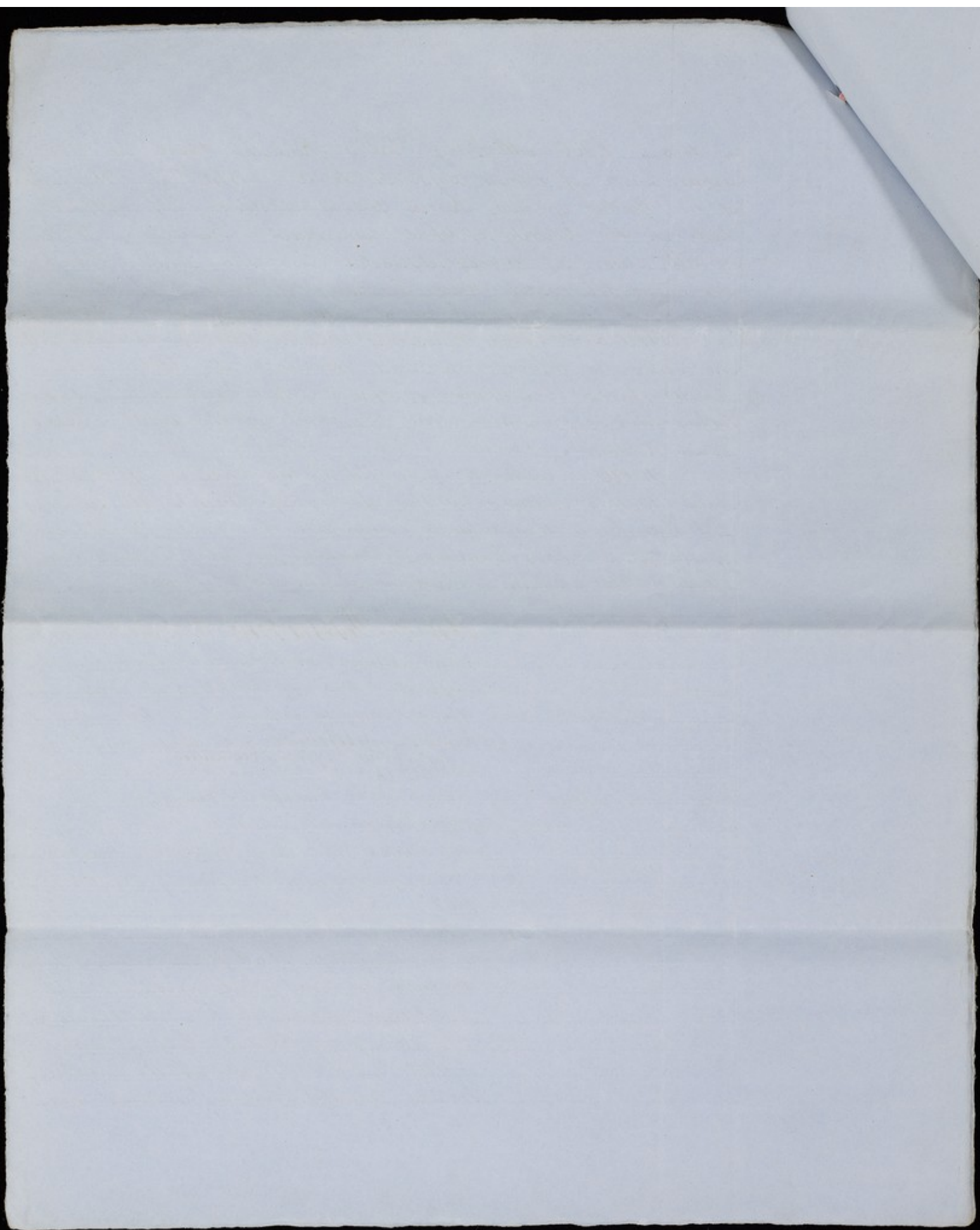
14. The said Mary Devsbury Trustone is a Spinster with only one Sister the Wife of the said James David Holdom and no Parent Brother Grandfather or Grandmother Uncle or Aunt or Nephew and only one niece the daughter of the said James David Holdom.

5. There is owing to your Petitioner as Treasurer of Devonshire House Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends the sum of £81.16.3 being the balance owing for the past maintenance of the said Mary Devsbury Trustone at the Friends Retreat aforesaid the Asylum in which she is now residing.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Lordship that his costs charges and expenses of this application and consequent thereon may be ordered to be taxed that the said sum of £600.7.5 Reduced £3 per cent ^{£239 or £3 per cent Annuities} and the said dividends may be ordered to be transferred and paid by the proper Officer into Court to the credit of In the Matter of Mary Devsbury Trustone an Indigent person and the Sincere Regulation Act 1862.

That your Lordship will give such directions as your Lordship shall deem necessary to have the said Allegheny Railway Bonds and the said sum supposed to be in the hands of the said James David Holdom secured.

That a sufficient part of the said £600.7.5 Reduced Annuities when so transferred may be



ordered to be sold to raise the amount of such costs when taxed and also the said sum of £81, 16^s 3 and that out of the proceeds of the said sale the amount of such costs when taxed and the sum of £81, 16^s 3 may be ordered to be paid

That the dividends arising from the residue of the said sums of Government stocks together with the dividends to arise from the investment of any other property which may be recovered may be paid to your Petitioner or to the Treasurer for the time being of Devonshire House Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends during the life of the said Mary Dewsbury Freestone or until further Order to be applied in the maintenance of the said Mary Dewsbury Freestone Or that such other Order may be made as you consider expedient for the purposes of rendering the property of the said Mary Dewsbury Freestone available for her maintenance and benefit

And your Petitioner will ever Pray &c

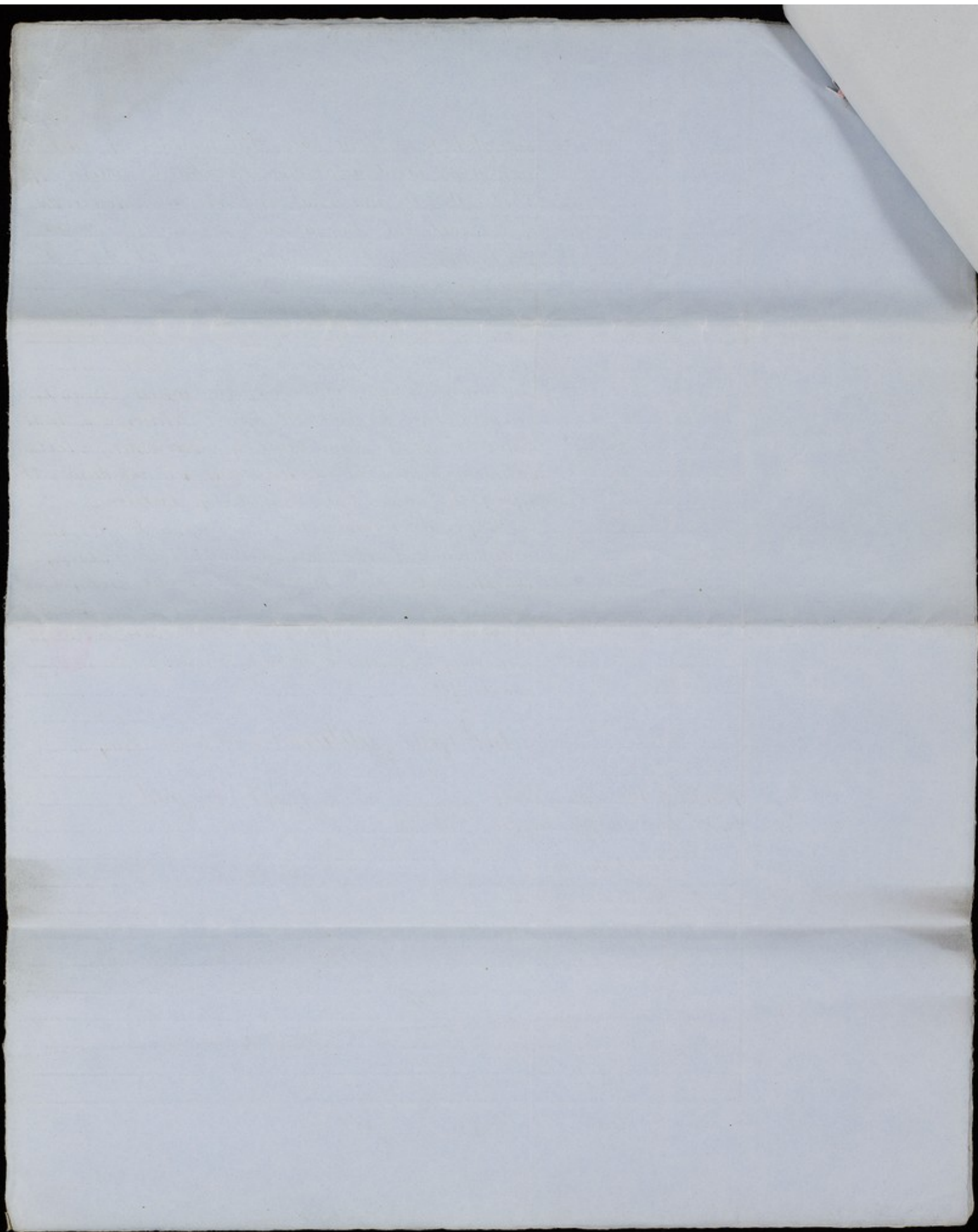
Witness to the signing hereof
by the said Joseph Amfield

Joseph Amfield

Rich^d Smith

26 Lincoln's Inn Fields

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court





Frederick 13th March 1835

In the Matter of
Mary Dunning Jackson
a supposed chromo power

and of
The University
Oct 1862.


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W. H. Smith

The Junior School
 Education for the Millener
 Joseph Langford



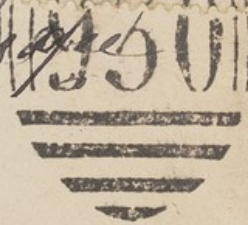


Mr. Wood
the Retreat



Edward Ransome Allen
Esq.
Stoke Lodge
Lordship Road
Stoke Newington N





Joseph Amfield
Temperance Hotel
South Place
No. Finsbury Square
London E.C.



M^{rs} J. Holdom
15. Thorold Road
Ilford
Essex.



Mr. David Rice.



York Retreat
7th mo. 1885.

Dear Friend

Have thee received
the Box with the Pin cushion
that I sent thee weeks ago.
and one for Ellen Hall —
will thee kindly send me
an answer — With love,
Thy sincere friend

Mary. Freestone

Please be so kind as to enclose
a list of the Members a
Book I mean to see where
friends live. I

Mr. Wood

Reheat 1886

I spoke to you on Monday
may I ask you will you be
kind enough when you do
write the answers to Joseph

Aarnfield and Mr. J. Holdom
to say I am quite well in every
every way have been so for
year and half. As I find
by what Mr. Holdom writes
the answers are very untrue
I never was a nervous lady
and the answers have always
prevented my leaving here
they have wished me to live
with them they said I should
leave when quite well and

and that is four years and
half ago I hope to have the
same opportunity of leaving
as others, it is against the
law to keep patients too
long in these Asylums

as I consider it is quite a
punishment to be away so
long from my relations and
and friends Joseph Bradford
would be quite willing for me
to leave if you will send a
line and I will answer for me
I should be so very much
obliged to you to do so as I do
not mean to stay here

With best respects

Mary Dewsbury Freestone

Retreat York

3rd Month 15th
1886.

Esteemed Friends

Edward R. Allen

Not having had an
from the friends about my
leaving this Retreat Dr. Baker
wishes me to write again

am given to understand
a written paper is necessary

will the kindly take the
case in hand, have been
very unnecessarily kept here

I have read in newspapers
it is unlawful to keep
persons in Asylums, not
even a day after they are
quite well have been quite
well for this four years
and much grieved I am
hope to have the same
privilege and opportunity
as other ladies here have
whatever it might be it
passed off my system in
a few months am very
thankful to say hope to be
set at liberty in a short

time now, it has been
quite a punishment to
me a long time. I never
consider this my home
My system is in very
good order as thee may
think by my sending this
letter, will thee kindly
let me know thee have
sent a paper to Dr Baker
My Brother-in-law James
Holdom lives at 15 Thorold
Road Alford. Esd should
it be necessary to write to them
they wish me to live with
them as they owe me a good

Sum of money my dividends
are not enough to keep me
here neither do I wish it
to be paid in to this Bethel
much longer, hope to attend
yearly meeting have not
been to one this five years
Friends were very kind to me
at Stoke Newington hope
to have the pleasure of living
near there again

Whatever answers may have
been sent from here am always
quite well. Dr Baker has no objection
to my leaving

With best Respects to thee and
family - thy sincere friend

Mary Jewsbury Freestone

York Retreat

2nd Month 15th 1886.

Esteemed Friend

Joseph Amfield

Mr. Baker wishes me to write to thee. to send a written paper to him for me to leave. This Retreat he is very willing, I should leave with thee. kindly speak to the Friends about it as soon as thee possibly can, have ^{thine} been waiting to leave ~~there~~ three years and half I mentioned to thee in my last letter

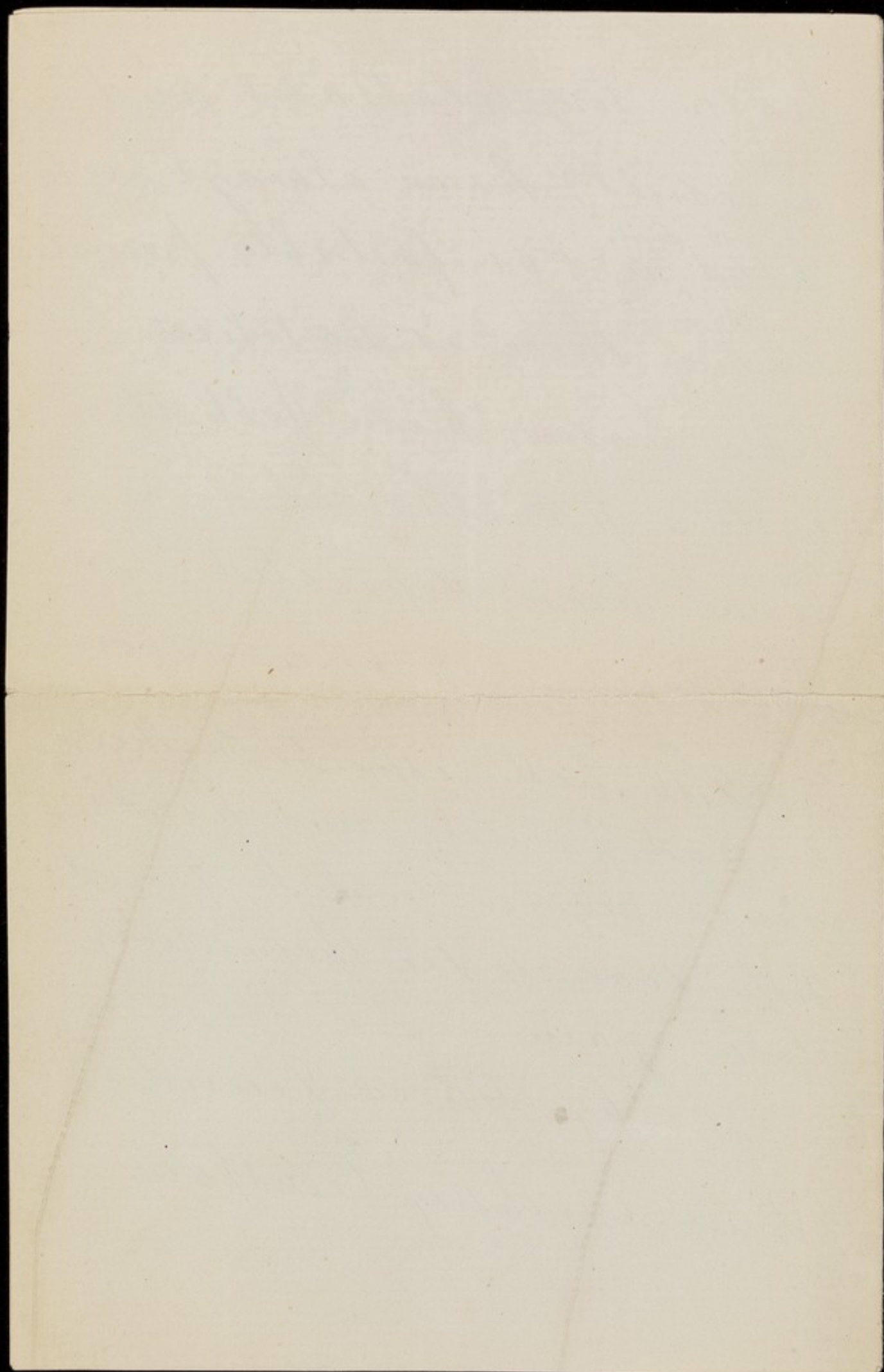
will then oblige me by
sending me a note to
say the paper is sent on
to Dr. Baker to prevent
any mistake, —

My Sister and Husband are
waiting for me and wish
to make ^{me} as comfortable
as they can as they owe
me so much money. have
been well ~~the~~ ~~very~~ and
strong I can say four years
have been no trouble here
it has given me to be
left here so long so far

from my relations and
friends, have always been
used ^{to} a comfortable private
home there is no where
like home have felt it
quite a punishment we
have been separated so
far from each other before.

With best respects to thee
and family and kind
remembrance to all the friends
hope soon to see them very
soon again.

Thy sincere friend
Mary Newbury Freestone



York Retreat
July 3rd 1885.

My dear Sister

As you have not written
to me lately or said anything
more about my leaving here
James said ⁱⁿ seven weeks
time he "has not written
to me or Dr Baker, as he
promised to, I am as sane
and sensible as you are
you know it is not my

Send me word if
you move

wish to stay here. so tell
me candidly your mind
about. ~~if~~ James has
acted very unjustly with
my money, instead of
sending me the interest
I shall certainly not get
much new apparel without
money. There is some
in the Savings Bank
and want some articles
sent to me, do you —

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intend coming to see me
this summer - if so bring
me these articles I should
like my watch and fangs
my Diamond Brooch
Two pair knitting needles
Shaw colo'ed silk scarf
One green kid glove
1 Pair of ^{new} "double cashmere
Boots and cork sole socks
I send the size or else
send them all in a parcel
as soon as you can.

if you give notice to me
and Dr Baker for me
to leave here you need
not send them, of course
you know how long
I have been here.

please also send note
Paper and envelopes

Trusting you both are
quite well as they leave
me. Thy affec^{te} Sister
Mary, Newbury, Free Stone

Between Dalston and Broad Street.

O'ER the house-tops flying, flying
In the rushing train,
Busy thought her task was plying
Through my troubled brain.

In all-reigning Love believing
Over suffering, sin and death,
Yet a woof of doubt in-weaving
With a warp of faith.

"God is Love," that love extendeth
(Never doubt it) over all ;
Why then underneath this covering,
Lies a sable pall ?

These ten-thousand roofs are hiding
Griefs no human tongue can tell,
Want and sickness, care and anguish,
The sad story swell.

Can it be, He has forgotten
This great City vast and dim ?
Or has hid His face in anger
From the souls that know not Him ?

Musing thus, with spirit burdened,
 Sudden, on my sight there fell,
 These two words in giant letters
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 Read an answer plain and true,
 God has not His world forgotten—
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You who blessed and richly gifted,
 Glowing heart and willing hand—
 To perform your Master's bidding
 Ready girded stand.

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 You have caught the morning's glow,
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